

# MOA deal off, SolGen tells high tribunal

By Jerome Arling

THE TRIBUNE ONLINE

A day after guerrillas of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) reneged in Mindanao, Solicitor General Agnes Devanadera yesterday told the Supreme Court that "renegades" have changed sides the rebel deal with the state, groups' leaders say.

Devanadera noted the outbreak of fighting in some areas of Mindanao and

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Lucio Tan, the man who came to dinner with President Ramos-Horta

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Taekwondo's Go plunges into Olympic action today



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Justice trains guns on CA chief, GIS lawyers

By Lela B. Salazar

ON THE THIRD DAY YESTERDAY ON THE stand, Court of Appeals Justice Antonio Carino Jr. is listed as gun on CA President Justice Conrado Velasco Jr. and lawyers of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS). Carino possessed what he termed "valuable

JUSTICE 41

## 'Ma, I'm sorry for all the pain I brought you'

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.  
Inquirer Staff

SOLD CITY—IN A PRIVATE ACT of love, Lt. Col. Angel Benitez sent a text message to his wife, just hours before he was killed by Moro rebels in Lanas del Norte.

"Ma, I'm sorry for all the pain I brought you," he said in Maria Elena, or "Gorda."

She did not understand his message and he did not under-

stand. On Monday she received a phone call telling her that her husband was among those killed in an attack by Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels.

The family had been used to Benitez's long absences because of his various assignments. Now, it is trying to accept that he would never come home again. Benitez, executive officer of the 50th Army Brigade, was on



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STORY OF A SOLDIER AS HERO The widow of Lt. Col. Angel Benitez (left), Benitez, is seen as the crash-landed her children (their faces are not shown at her request) the news story of her husband's heroic death in the region. Benitez was ambushed by Moro rebels in Kibitang, Lanas del Norte.

## Erap calls for all-out war vs MILF, Abus

DIGOS CITY—FORMER PRESIDENT Joseph Estrada yesterday called for all-out war against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Abu Sayyaf in Mindanao.

Speaking on Radio Radyo 9 in a Mindanao-wide simultaneous broadcast, Estrada said that peace would never come to Mindanao if these groups continued to exist.

"I cry for the people of Mindanao. This is my message to all."

INAP/DALIAN

# P10M to get Bravo, Kato



A TOUCH OF PEACE IN TIME OF WAR A peaceful painting of a village scene with children playing in the foreground. The painting is displayed in an evacuation center for the victims of the conflict between Erap and Kato. Health and aid officials are also at highest alert.

## Muslim leaders condemn atrocities by Moro rebels

By Christine O. Avendaño  
and Inquirer Mindanao

MALACANANG ANNOUNCED last night a P5-million reward each for the capture of Ombra Kato and Abdulla Macapagal alias Commander Bravo, the two Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) commanders responsible for the series of attacks in North Cotabato, Lanao del Norte and Sarangani.

President Macapagal-Arroyo approved the reward offer that was endorsed in her by Interior Secretary Riosalido Puno and Defense Secretary Gilbert Trono. It was during last night's National Security Council (NSC) meeting.

Kato and his men were the MILF's 15th Base Commander are also being 10 criminal cases for accepting last week some 20 hostages in North Cotabato, hunting and looting houses. The attacks left at least nine dead and displaced some 100,000 people.

On Monday, MILF forces led by Kato and his men in Lanao del Norte, spraying gunfire, hacking civilians with machetes and torching houses. In a month, 100,000 people were displaced.



PROBLEMATIC President Arroyo seems to have a lot on her mind before the start of the NEDA-Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

## GMA temper flares up again

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO'S massive temper flared up again on Monday, in full view of members of the media.

Arroyo's anger against the Pilgrims had just arrived from covering the installation of the book of ex-Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr. at the Magsaysay International Airport (MIA) Terminal 3 when word spread that his Kato was together a statement on the more rebel attacks in Lanao del Norte, according to the accounts of his press.

GMA/THIN/41

## Iligan folk seek St. Michael help, also bear arms

By Inquirer Mindanao

ILIGAN CITY—ST. MICHAEL, THE Archangel, defined Iligan in battle. Residents of this predominantly Catholic city of 380,000 nearest the Islamic gateway in Marikina City stored

circulating this next message: Implying their patron saint's help following the recent attacks in two towns in Lanao del Norte that left at least 20 people dead.

St. Michael, whose feast day falls on

SUSAN/A11

## Rebs mad over aborted MOA signing

By Ryan D. Bascara  
Inquirer Mindanao

ROLAMRUGAN, LANAO DEL NORTE—AS incidents tried to pick up the pieces a day after Moro rebels accepted the deal, they found two bodies in a conflict in the upland village at around 8 a.m.

A hunting dog had led residents to the area where the remains were recovered.

When brought down to the police, the police officer identified the dead as Francisco Santos Jr., a government soldier in his 30s, and his 2-year-old daughter Luv-Luv.

"Why was the child killed when she had nothing to do with the conflict?" a relative accused upon seeing Luv-Luv's body carried down toward the highway.

Mindanao after the discovery of the bodies, Luv-Luv's relatives received news had been. Her younger sister, who was born two weeks



PERSON OF INTEREST Suspected MILF operative identified as Miguel Maglangit is nabbed by the military along the highway in Lanas del Norte. As they retreated, Moro rebels hacked civilians to death.

COPIES/41

## Sex still sizzling commodity at Olympics

Rank	Team	Gold	Silver	Brass	Total
1	China	30	14	11	55
2	United States	26	16	10	52
3	Russia	19	6	9	34
4	Australia	11	7	11	29
5	Germany	10	7	11	28

Source: Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

BEIJING—FROM SCANTY CLAD, grunting go-go dancers at the beach volleyball to Germany's finest hockey player having all for a missing photo shoot, we're at the Olympics.

Katharina Schiegl has spent as much time in Beijing explaining away her decision to join sailor Peter Michael, Jo-Joe Kasper, Sascha and captain

Nicole Reinhardt in Playboy as she has showing her part in helping Germany reach the semifinals of the field hockey tournament.

"For me it was a good opportunity, and maybe when I look back after a few years I will be proud of it," said the 25-year-old Schiegl.

SEX/STYL/41



## Gold medals written in stars, says UK study

BEIJING—SOMETHING JUST IS HAPPENING at the Olympic Games in Beijing. For it all down to the stars. Beyond training, dedication and determination, an athlete's star sign could be the secret to Olympic gold.

After comparing the birth dates of every GOLD MEDALS/41







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# Advocates launch war vs human trafficking

By Cynthia D. Balana

HUNDREDS OF CIVIL SOCIETY government agencies and the US Embassy in Manila yesterday signed a covenant pledging to work together against human trafficking.

Led by the Victims' Rights Foundation (VRF), civil society members said the covenant has a multi-pronged effort to bring a stop to the endless flow of Filipino women and children being trafficked globally.

VRF, a non-governmental organization established in 1991, works for the protection and justice of migrants, specifically victims of human trafficking. As of June 2008, it has helped over 1,500 potential victims and assisted victims.

"We cannot allow our women and children to be started from another war zone. We need to wage a multi-pronged effort to bring a stop to the endless flow of Filipino women and children being trafficked globally," said VRF President and Executive Director.

Obama was named by the US State Department as one of the "Most Active in Fight Against Human Trafficking" in 2006. Trafficking in Persons Report in 2006 released in June 2007.

US Ambassador to the Philippines Robert Kim said the partnership would help make people aware that human trafficking is wrong.

"This covenant is the first of its kind. We need to make it a global standard and model."

"Human trafficking is the most heinous crime in the world. It is a real problem. Human trafficking is a lot of gross people working in a lot of gross ways."

The United States has been providing about \$1 million annually for the past few years, the VRF, working with the US, holding half-way houses and helping train people to become human traffickers.



STANDFIRM TO THE COVENANT: Local and international human rights advocates, including VRF President Robert Kim, US Ambassador to the Philippines Robert Kim, and other officials, signed a symbolic covenant to combat human trafficking.

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## Ex-govt execs seeking 12 'good men' in Senate

By Gil C. Cabanigan Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE GROUP FORAM 3000 (Group for the Advancement of the Republic) yesterday sought in the Senate to have at least 12 members, the law requiring to fight administration moves to remove a certain number of members (12) in order to amend the Constitution.

Former Education Secretary Francisco Arduña said getting the support of 12 members to join their cause would provide a "preliminary indication" in any plan President Macapagal-Arduña may have of extending the term of office beyond 2010.

Arduña said FRAM 3000 to get the 12 members to join the group to support of making a motion to amend in the House of Representatives.

He said the group intended to seek for 12 members, the law requiring to fight administration moves to remove a certain number of members (12) in order to amend the Constitution.

Sen. Rodrigo Duterte (Dagupan) said he supported the eight members' application in the Senate to have the 12 members and Arduña's supporters in the Senate.

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## US won't pull out aid from South

THE UNITED STATES REMAINS committed to providing millions of dollars in development aid to the Philippines despite deadly typhoon relief efforts.

US aid to the Philippines is not being cut, the US State Department said. The US will continue to provide aid to the Philippines, the US State Department said.

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# AIM, 2 suspended profs claim victory in NLRC ruling

THE AIM INSTITUTE OF Management and one of its professors continue to be listed in a booklet of white and black listed faculty members.

The NLRC upheld the suspension of AIM professors Victor

Lindangan and Emmanuel Lavey, but ordered the dismissal from one year to six months.

Both parties claimed victory in their side in the NLRC ruling.

AIM management backed the decision, saying that the NLRC had upheld the suspension of the professors for their "dis-

ciplined behavior" and "unethical conduct."

AIM vice president John M. Magsaysay said that while the professors were suspended, he was not their superior, and they were expected to discharge their duties in accordance with the academic standards of the institution and behavior in a

manner compatible with their status and positions.

But Lavey said the AIM management could not claim full victory in the NLRC decision as it only partially modified an earlier NLRC ruling by cutting in half the 12-month back pay awarded to them by labor arbitrator Napoleon Limson.

Lavey said the NLRC ruling also affirmed the NLRC decision which found the AIM guilty of violating labor rights in the process.

He said the decision was

unprecedented since it was the first time AIM to pay a minimal amount of P50,000 to each professor for the violation. **Manila Bulletin**

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# SC fines CA justice for slow justice

By Jerome Aning

THE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE Benito C. Aquino issued a justice P15,000 for failing to resolve two petitions for reconsideration filed by a lawyer for a group of retired employees of the National Bureau of Corrections.

In a unanimous ruling, the Court ordered also retired Justice Vilma Q. Ronales of the appellate court to file within 30 days her reasons for the allegedly would amount to a mere waste of justice.

Issues in among the appellate court justices being investigated by a three-member panel formed by the Supreme Court to look into alleged ineptness in the Court of Appeals' handling of the continued road closure of the Manila North Expressway.

Issues, who was the petitioner in one of the decisions in the Manila North Expressway, was found for failing to resolve the issues raised in SC 21, 2006 and June 29, 2007 filed by Justice Vilma Q. Ronales.

## Magistrate retires; suit

Justice was the court for the Supreme Court in a suit filed by the petitioner against the Court of Appeals.

After the case was resolved, Justice filed a suit for his share from the settlement awarded to the retiree on his attorney's fees. The case was



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## Justice delayed...

"Delay due to the administrative of justice," he proposed the modification of some and withdrawal of the petition, "the high court said in a decision written by Associate Justice Francisco Carpio."

It also delayed the decision of the court, increasing the cost of all litigants, proceeding, subject to take down rate, including with the prompt and deliberate disposition of cases in which all parties are diligent and prepared for trial, and overlooking the entire process with the "hall of divergent and instability."

In his decision, Justice said the administrative complexity was "simply a bureaucratic rule filed by a litigant." He said the delay was not a result of the significant reduction of his attorney's fees.

He also said that he failed to resolve Justice's motion, adding that he was a "signatory" in the case against the appellate court and had a "veto liability" of the case.

Justice was originally charged with delay and given a 30-day period for the high court to decide the charges. Justice has later only for failing the appellate court's internal rules.

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# Customs chief says SC ruling will make them work harder

By Margaret C. Orlis

THE HIGHEST SUPREME COURT decision upholding the constitutionality of Republic Act No. 9255, of the Lateral Entry Law of 2003, would inspire the Bureau of Customs employees to work harder, according to Commissioner Regino Manzano.

Manzano said the ruling should also inspire critics of the law, which provides for a system of rewards and incentives for BIC and Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) personnel who accept collection targets.

At the same time, the law allows for the dismissal of employees who fail to meet targets.

"The rule surely inspires everyone at the bureau to work harder. Who would not be inspired getting additional compensation," he said.

The Supreme Court, acting on the motion of the Manila North Expressway, upheld the constitutionality of the law but ordered the provision relating to a total congressional oversight committee with the power to inspect

the law's implementing rules and regulations (IRR).

The court said the committee would ensure the principle of separation of powers is maintained.

"In exercising discretion to approve or disapprove the IRR based on a determination of whether or not they conform to the provisions of the [Administrative Law], Congress arrogated public power over itself, a power exclusively vested in the President by the Constitution," the decision read.

The Supreme Court likewise said a law should be complete when it leaves the highest branch.

It said the drafting of 1998 was the responsibility of the executive branch.

And the provision, namely, the Lateral Entry Law, was promulgated as a law, not as a law that allows for the dismissal of those who fail to meet targets, saying "the choice the government employees' union of officers."

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# Comelec set to centralize

By Kristine L. Alon

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS IS CONSIDERING moving the position of appointing a commissioner in charge (CIC) at a particular region or province and returning full responsibility for clerical supervision to Commission regional divisions.

Meeting with regional executives, Commission Chair Jose Ma. Velasco said the commission has been deliberating whether to use the CIC system had been "difficult" and not responsible among officials. He did not give examples, or name names.

"The Commission is being influenced," Velasco said, adding that the commission will be in charge of the election process in the region.

The position of appointing a commissioner in charge of a particular region or province started in the 1990s, according to Velasco.

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# 3 govs, 2 mayors tell GMA: Focus on poverty

**CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO**—Five local government officials belonging to a group advocating good government called on President Obama to focus on poverty instead of attacking the 2007 Constitution.

Governors Billie Pauline (San Francisco), Jerry Brown (California), and Tedrous Rangel (Oregon) and Mayor Anibal Rodriguez (San Diego) and Mayor Leticia (San Diego) made the appeal in an open letter to the members of the Mayor's Council, a movement opposing pension change and ethical leadership in government.

They said they were opposi-

tioned Obama's "focus on poverty" because doing so would "only serve to ignore the needs of a few of our citizens."

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**PANAMA** Gov. Juan Carlos Varela, Mayor Anibal Rodriguez, and Mayor Leticia. (Photo by AP Photo/John Heil)

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### LEGISLATION

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## DENR says it won't ignore Guimaras stand vs mining

**By Victor P. Burgos Jr.**  
DENR Manila

**JORDAN, GUIMARAS**—The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said it would consider the opposition of Guimaras officials and residents in evaluating applications for mining exploration on the island.

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**CANDLES PROTEST**  
Children light candles near their homes along Mayor Johnnie Brown in the Zambales province of Luzon to protest the proposed expansion of the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant.

## Bishop-ally of GMA says transfer of DA office a good move

**SAGAY, ILOILO**—The Bishop of the Diocese of Iloilo, Bishop Antonio Ledesma, said the transfer of the Department of Agriculture (DA) office to Sagay was a good move.

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# P10M to get Bravo, Kato

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In June 28 people were killed and some 40,000 Muslims were displaced.

Muslims and Christians in Mindanao condemned the atrocities committed by MILF fighters in Lanas del Norte and Maragat.

It was Gen. Alexander Tiam, Armed Forces of the Philippines chief of staff, and General Gen. Antonio Blandin of the Philippine National Police who recommended the removal of Muslims.

"Since they are both at large, the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Department of National Defense will issue a warrant of P1 million for the information leading to the arrest of both General Tiam and Commander Blandin," Puno said at a press briefing following the NRC meeting in Manila.

## Bring Kato, Bravo to justice

Puno said he and Tiam had learned it was imperative to bring the criminal justice system to justice for the people and the peace process.

"There is no secret of mine as to why I am here. I am here because I am looking for them until they are brought to justice," Puno said.

He said he and Tiam hoped that the criminal justice system would bring them to justice.

By posting a reward money for information against the two MILF leaders, this meant the government "has taken the first step in the peace process," Puno said.

"They are common criminals and that is the mind of the government," Puno said. "We are not afraid to take them to court for them to consider and act on," he said.

The 1,000-strong MILF has been fighting for Muslim rights in the Philippines for decades, and signed a 2001 ceasefire with the government. But in cases of violent attacks in Mindanao has ended Muslim peace process.

## Arson, robbery, murder

MILF spokespersons said Kato and Tiam were both killed last week after Kato

was not a legitimate MILF commander.

Chief Sgt. Rod Castañeda, General Investigation and Detection Group (GIDG) director, said Kato and his men were facing 28 counts of arson, 23 counts of robbery in kind, some counts of extortion and some counts of attempted murder.

"Our GIDG investigation is still in Manila and Region 12 has filed the cases," Castañeda said. The cases of the charges were filed with the Provincial Prosecutor's Office in North Cotabato.

Provincial Prosecutor in the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, North Cotabato, dismissed the "major" actions of some MILF commanders in Lanas del Norte. "They act of violence is illegal," he said.

He said that even before the two were arrested, they were already being offered by the Department of Interior and Local Government.

In the House of Representatives, two Muslim legislators expressed their concern in Lanas del Norte but still pushed for peace talks.

"Violence was the cause behind this," he said. "The life of a Muslim is more than the life of a Christian," he said.

## Against Islam's tenets

And Muslim Rep. Shafiq Hameed, a member of the House, said the killings in Maragat and Maragat in Lanas del Norte were a violation of Islam's tenets.

"To not kill an old man, a woman or a child, to not harm the weak and to not kill those who are not fighting, are the rules of Islam," Hameed said.

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**WORKING TO BE SEEN** A member of the Local Monitoring Team walks through a destroyed area in Lanas del Norte, looking for evidence of human rights violations.

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# Military, PNP on full alert in Metro

## Vital buildings, key points under watch in case of spillover of attacks

By Julie M. Aurelio and Nicos Pagan

POLICE AND MILITARY FORCES IN METRO Manila have been placed on full alert to guard against a possible spillover of the attacks launched by Moro guerrillas in Mindanao.

However, Director Enay Maric, National Capital Region Police Office chief, said they have not received a specific report that similar attacks would be carried out in the metropolis.

"We have not yet received any specific threats on Metro Manila so far, but our police will be very vigilant," he said in a phone interview yesterday.

"This is just a precautionary measure. We will also be putting up checkpoints," Maric added.

Chief Supt. Warner Bautista, Philippine National Police spokesperson, added that while the situation in Mindanao was not considered a threat, the PNP leadership upgraded the alert status in Metro Manila as a precautionary measure.

"The PNPDP event on September 10 will be a full alert," he said.

Meanwhile, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, on the other hand, stressed that alert status is not strictly a gun-on-Mind.

The raising of the alert status was after fighters from the Ma in Islamic Liberation Front attacked several schools in Zamboanga and Marikina on Monday leaving 41 people dead.

A full alert means all PNPDP personnel must stay at their posts at all times. All have appropriate weapons and are also considered potential targets.

Bautista said the full alert status would remain in place until the situation in Mindanao calms down.

"This is to help us prepare more for security contingencies especially in vital installations and places of convergence given the ongoing conflict," he said.

However, he said that in addition to vital installations such as transport terminals, airports and mass rail transit, economic key points like business districts, government offices and places of convergence such as malls and other commercial centers.

Bautista ordered his district divisions and police units to be vigilant against any growth attempts in urban areas.

"The PNPDP event will be to take any chances, as we will be in intensity our intelligence monitoring of all crime gangs, criminal or extremist groups," Supt. Roderic Maric, PNPDP spokesperson, said.

At the same time, he asked the public to remain calm and to refrain from spreading rumors about possible attacks in the metropolis.

"We appeal to the public not to be irresponsible and not to pass rumors especially through our messages that may cause of conflict in Metro Manila," he said.



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# SC junks petition of 2 found guilty in slay of trader, driver

By Leda B. Salinas

THE SUPREME COURT HAS denied the petition of two alleged suspects of the Kila-Kila, Cebu, slaying of a Chinese-Filipino businessman and his driver in 1995.

It said the identification of the two men made by the lower court was insufficient

The high court added that it found errors in the government's evidence in the case, which was filed in the Sandiganbayan in 1995, and that the identification of the two men made by the lower court was insufficient

The appellate court, however, ordered that sentences from death to reclusion perpetua be imposed on the two men without the possibility of

parole. Lopez and Bondad were found guilty of killing Lomax and his driver, Nemesio Bontado. The victims were shot dead in the corner of Tangkay and General Aragon in Quezon City on Dec. 11, 1995.

Lopez and Bondad were first convicted by the Quezon City regional trial court, where a verdict was affirmed by the ap-

pellate court. In going to the high court, the two argued that their guilt was not proven beyond reasonable doubt. They added that their identification by the two witnesses was questionable and that the two men had a fair trial.

In a July 20 resolution, however, the court said that the two men were not proven beyond reasonable doubt by Lopez and Bondad's evidence.

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# DENR clarifies P100-B estimate for Manila Bay rehabilitation



**JUST ANOTHER DAY ON THE JOB**  
A team trains its crew on a project in Barangay Lupton, Quezon City. Six houses were damaged in the incident.

By Jeremiah

ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY Lito Lardizabal said that the P100-billion estimate for the rehabilitation of Manila Bay is not a promise or a "money-making scheme," as a Manila Bay task force has said.

His Vice Public Affairs Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, said in a statement in the business press that the government was a "money-making scheme" given by Lardizabal when the Supreme Court asked him how much it would cost to bring back Manila Bay to its "100% condition."

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as part of their existing contract.

"The absence of adequate evidence" was the reason why the court found the government's claim to be a "money-making scheme," as a Manila Bay task force has said.

The Environment Linker and Greening Movement (ELGM) Philippine office claimed that Lardizabal's office in the Manila Bay task force would be the primary beneficiary of the government's plan to rehabilitate Manila Bay.

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whether it dirty water would continue to flow into Manila Bay.

"The initiative was never meant and responsible to be used by merely polluted and polluted water," he said, adding that he was as the DENR and Manila Bay task force, there were no agreement that Manila Bay should be rehabilitated immediately.

Last week, Arenal and other government officials asked the Supreme Court to reverse a Court of Appeals ruling requiring the government to spend a total of P100 billion to rehabilitate Manila Bay. They also sought the dismissal of the original complaint that concerned all the money that the bay had against them more than eight years ago.

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# Substandard cement found in QC waste

By Lisa G. Santos

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# Easy travel via elevated U-turn, says MMDA

By De Yu

TRAVEL TIME ALONG C-3 RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM AND MAIN PROBLEM OF THE METROPOLIS has improved with the opening of the elevated U-turn system, the MMDA said.

Based on results of the travel time survey conducted by the MMDA, the Engineering Center, traveling on Alabang Avenue has spent up to 90 minutes, officials said.

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# Caloocan's most wanted man falls

By Beverly E. Nolasco

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# Team to inspect Pasay buildings near LRT stations

By Jolly M. Rando

THE PASAY CITY GOVERNMENT has formed a committee to inspect buildings and structures near the LRT stations.

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# Seminar on putting up NGO, foundation

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# Georgia, Russia exchange war prisoners



RUSSIA, GEORGIA—RUSSIA and Georgia exchanged 26 prisoners of war Tuesday, a move that could bring a substantial reduction in tension and that Georgia hoped would expedite a Russian troop withdrawal from its territory.

But as State Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov prepared to hold an emergency meeting in Moscow over a unified response to Russia's invasion of its tiny neighbor, there still was no sign of the Russian troop pullout from Georgia that was expected to have begun on Monday.

The prisoner exchange began as two Russian military helicopters landed in the village of Igarka, the closest that Russian forces have advanced to the Georgian capital of Tbilisi. Soldiers and men in camouflaged clothing got off and two people in stretchers were taken to Georgian officials.

Georgian ambulances later brought two other people to the Russian choppers. One was a prisoner.

Georgian Security Council head Alexander Lomashvili reported to Igarka that 13 Georgians and five Russians were exchanged. "I was surprised," he said. The operation was witnessed by Russian Maj. Gen. Igor Zhukov, who commanded troops in the area.

Lomashvili said the exchange removed any pressure for Russia to keep holding prisoners in Igarka, 50 kilometers west of Tbilisi, or anywhere else in Georgia, only significant news was highly.

Russia announced on Wednesday it had begun to pull back forces after a ceasefire agreement, but as of Tuesday evening there were no signs of significant movements to Igarka or in the nearby strategically key city of Gori.



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Georgia tried to make its separatist province of South Ossetia on Aug. 7, launching a heavy artillery barrage. Russian forces immediately came to the aid of their separatist ally, drove Georgian forces out of South Ossetia, and continued their advance until they had a military stronghold in the country.

The short but intense war started tensions between the West and a resurgent Russia, but Russian President Dmitry Medvedev only declared Russia's actions.

"Anyone who is not a coward," he said, "will not be a coward." Medvedev later launched military moves in the state's military to the fighting.

The Russians appeared determined to interpret the ceasefire and promised withdrawal as they are in the Russian defense official Tuesday a withdrawal from Georgia proper is not imminent.

PROTESTERS rally in Bangkok to pressure the Thai government to ask British authorities to extradite former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra and his wife as they escape trial and arrest charges at home.

## Protesters demand Thaksin's extradition

BANGKOK, THAILAND—JEW and Thai-based protesters gathered outside the British Embassy on Tuesday to demand that London extradite former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra to face criminal charges at home.

Thaksin and his wife fled to Britain last week, after they had been charged with election fraud in the September 2007, which has issued warrants for their arrest.

Thaksin was toppled in a 2006 military coup but later returned to Thailand to face a slew of court cases involving alleged corruption and abuse of power.

After 2008 demonstrations, by police force, called peacefully by the Thai government, Thaksin fled to Britain. The Thai government has asked British authorities to extradite Thaksin to face trial. Thaksin has not yet responded to the request.

## Video games aid students, surgeons

BOSTON—PARENTS, DON'T FRET any more about video games just being a kid's pastime. They can be used to help your child learn.

Researchers have gathered in Boston for the American Psychological Association conference, and a series of studies regarding video games can be powerful learning tools—from increasing young students' problem-solving potential to improving the accuracy of surgical operations.

In one Penn State University study, 122 students in 1996, each and every practice session while playing a game they had never seen before. Researchers studied the children's responses to see if playing the game improved cognitive and perceptual skills.

While older children seemed more interested in just playing the game, younger children showed more interest in writing up a section of their own game, which helped them learn the game.

## US journal says numbers not necessary to count

WASHINGTON—AMONG THE WITHOUT counting, for them more is less. XXXXXX, or less XXXXX.

That is a problem facing people whose languages do not include words for more than one or two. Yet researchers say children who speak only their languages still are able to compare quantities.

"We hope that human parents are aware of the limitations of their children's language and that they use words," said Susan Carey, director of the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience at University of California, Berkeley.

In an attempt to prove it, Carey and colleagues tested the numerical skills of children from two indigenous Australian groups whose languages contain few number words with which to count.

They found that the children were able to distinguish one and nine pieces of play dough among three toy trees. When 7 or 20 pieces were to be shared, the idea of dividing up the dough was not only figured out by a few of them, and there were some non-verbal signals.

Memory: Various members of the tribe were asked to place the same amount of dough on their mats. No differences were found in the two groups.

Meaningful addition: Some children were placed on a mat and covered. A few spreads like more were placed down and then told to divide the mat. The children were asked to match the total number of objects. Several children were asked to add 2+1, 1+4, 4+3 and 4+2. The English objects got more right, but the difference was not significant.

Counting: Children were asked to count a stack of wood carved with a stick and were asked to place a stick on a mat. Several children were asked to match the number of counters, sometimes out. The children were asked if the number were the same. No language differences were found.

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## The World

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## Suicide bombers hit US base in Afghanistan

**KABUL, AFGHANISTAN**—A TEAM OF SUICIDE bombers tried to storm a US military base near the border with Pakistan in a daring insurgent attack on a major American installation, officials said on Tuesday.

The suicide bombers attacked the base and threw detonated their vests and explosives.

Afghan officials said at least 10 militants died in the attack, including six suicide bombers. One offered a slightly different account, saying three suicide

bombers detonated their vests and three more were shot dead. Nine said seven militants in total were killed.

The militants failed to gain entry to Camp Salerno in Kabul city after breaching several of its gates just before midnight on Monday, said Aswath Janat,

the governor of Kabul. The base is just a few kilometers away from Pakistan's border.

The attack came one day after a suicide bomber outside the same base killed 10 soldiers and wounded 17 others.

Soldiers on the ground, fighting bravely and helicopters were chasing the attacking militants. Nine said they found themselves the situation about 1,000 meters outside of the base perimeter and launched helicopter gunships.

Gen. Muhammad Zahir ul-Gha, Afghanistan's military spokesman, said Afghan soldiers, armed by US troops, chased and surrounded a group of insurgents, and six militants in suicide vests blew themselves up when cornered. Seven other militants died in those engagements and a milling gun battle, he said.

"The Afghan National Army is meeting the anytime we get close to them, they don't even themselves," he said.

The Taliban appeared to avoid the attack. Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, said the militants did

perish 10 militants for the attack on Salerno, and seven killed themselves up and eight returned to a Taliban safehouse.

Jinat said the bodies of at least two dead militants were outside the checkpoint leading to the base's airport, both of whom had suicide vests on. It wasn't clear if those militants were among the dead in America's camp.

Two Afghan soldiers also died in the fighting, Jinat said. Militants have been targeted US bases with suicide bombers, but coordinated attacks on such

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## Suicide blast kills 23 in Pakistan

**ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN**—A SUSPECTED suicide bomber killed 23 people in the crowded city of Islamabad in southern Pakistan on Sunday as members of a militant group were holding a protest, police said.

Violence in northwest Pakistan is a major test for the new government led by the party of slain former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, especially after the resignation of former Army chief Pervez Musharraf on Monday.

The bomb went off outside a hospital in Dera Ismail Khan, 300 km southwest of Islamabad, as Islamic militants were protesting against the killing of a leader. Gunmen shot the leader and his body had been taken to the hospital.

Haroonullah Khan, police chief of North-West Frontier Province, said 23 people had been killed in the blast, and up to 20 wounded. He said about 100 militants were behind the explosion.

"This area has been hit by terrorist violence for many years and this is also a suicide-related incident," Khan said.

Most of the dead were protesters, a city official said.

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The United States and other allies are keen to see Islamabad on its way to security and governance. The new security agency after the former Pakistani ruler behind the US-led campaign against terrorism.

Since July last year, Islamabad has suffered a series of militant attacks in the country's capital, including four suicide bombings, including four suicide bombings, including four suicide bombings.

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PAKISTANI buyers celebrate the resignation of President Pervez Musharraf during an Aug. 19 rally in Lahore.

## No immunity for Musharraf, says gov't

**ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN**—Pakistani's law minister on Tuesday said that the government had no search an immunity deal with Pervez Musharraf, who resigned this week in the context of the case of possible impeachment.

Also Tuesday, ruling coalition leaders were expected to meet to discuss a replacement for the ousted president and decide on how to deal with restoring dozens of judges he fired last year.

Law Minister Farooq Leghari said supporters that coalition leaders had yet to make decisions on "immunity" for Musharraf. The second-largest party in the government has said the legislature

should have no immunity for the ousted president, and he had himself resigned.

Local media reports have suggested Musharraf might leave the country for security reasons—he is charged by Islamic militants and deeply unpopular among ordinary Pakistanis.

During his resignation speech on Monday, the president did not specify his plans, saying only that his future was in the hands of the people. Musharraf's exit leaves the politicians who pushed for the ouster American ally facing severe challenges such

as military and economic problems that are already crippling and will be further.

Resigning outgoing president and the judges, coalition leaders will discuss "the future plans of Musharraf," according to Farooq Leghari, a ruling party spokesman.

But he also confirmed that the National Assembly speaker is expected to announce Musharraf's resignation on Monday night, while Musharraf himself, the former chief had taken charge as acting president.

Musharraf's president is elected by lawmakers, a process that is supposed to be completed within 30 days.

Musharraf seized power in a 1999 coup and dominated the country for a decade, clashing with judges, lawmakers and Islamic militants. A US-led coalition against him was launched in 2001.

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Pakistan for years, supporting the United States in the war on terror. But his popularity sank over time.

Pakistan's latest ruling coalition is the country's ally with Washington. For many, his decisions in such the region and impose temporary emergency rule last year—were as

ambitious challenges in his role—were a failed one.

He took over February's parliamentary elections, largely sidelining Musharraf while claiming for his to go. They announced an independent commission earlier that month, leading Musharraf to ultimately claim he could not go.

The new government also announced the first Islamic militant group was killed in the attack. No group has yet claimed responsibility for the attack.

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## Car bomb leaves 43 dead in Algeria

**ALGERIA, ALGERIA**—A SUICIDE attack on an Algerian police station on Sunday killed 40 people and injured 43, the interior ministry said on Tuesday.

The attack took place in the town of Boumerdes, a major security operation was under way there.

Casualties as well as police officers were among the victims and a major security operation was under way there.

The casualty figures, however, were still provisional, the interior ministry said in a statement.

But it is already the deadliest attack in the country in several months, worse than the December 2007 attack in Algiers against government and United Nations buildings, which killed 41 people and injured many others.

Tuesday's attack came as 40 people were reported to be killed in a suicide attack in the town of Boumerdes, a major security operation was under way there.

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## Obama to announce veep in coming days

**WASHINGTON**—BARACK Obama will publicly disclose his vice presidential choice in the coming days, although the Democrats is keeping more silent who are preparing for the announcement in the dark and giving away nothing in interviews to the campaign.

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## Small plane crashes on city street in Japan

**TOKYO**—A SMALL PLANE crashed into a city street in western Japan on Tuesday, scattering debris across a neighborhood crowded with houses and restaurants.

The two-man aircraft, which was flying at a low altitude, crashed into a residential area.

The crash caused a fire in the city, leaving a wing and fuselage in the body of a car. The two-man plane crashed into the street, leaving a wing and fuselage in the body of a car.

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## Gov't rejects all bids for 91-day treasury bills

By Michelle K. Rana

THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY shut down all bids for the 91-day treasury bill, as banks submitted bids of up to 10 percent, far above the 4.75 percent rate set by the Treasury.

The Treasury said the market was still in a state of uncertainty, and it was not ready to accept bids at such high rates. It said it would accept bids at 4.75 percent, but only if the rate was below 4.75 percent.

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## Going green by going gray

By Alex T. Vergara

**A**FTER YEARS OF BEARING a charcoal-colored coat in Malibu with a good friend, interior designer and columnist for *Forbes* magazine, he made the big move to his new, minimalist apartment in a new location.

After then the owner spent the new one offered them for 77 as a credit sale, Pundak moved to a 177 as a apartment, then Malibu's new location is history and modern design, among other projects, at the Philippine School of Interior Design—visited the fact that he now has the entire place in another part of Malibu all in himself.

Although his new home looks a bit dark and narrow at first look, the two-story unit turns out to be luxury and spacious. It even comes with a parking space, both an office and a second bedroom, which he turned into a den.

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He did make some concessions, though, by allowing splashes of orange and charcoal in the living room as seen in a number of those photos and a late design, the house is definitely more modern than the others.

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As for Pundak's earth-friendly home shows, the lack of color need not automatically mean dull and boring interiors.

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It's bright, white and bright. He had to make for a narrow right-angle turn from the dining area didn't have enough room for a typical round or square table.

"It was simply a matter of re-arranging the furniture, which was impossible, in building a narrow table beside it to accommodate my guests," says Pundak, whose mother's curly hair is a bit among friends.

After playing with various by making the table higher than the adjacent table, however, he then went about designing a custom-made "with the height of her stools and the dimension of dining room chairs."

"Color is especially interesting and open, this new furniture is at the end of each day."

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TOP view of Pineda's built-in table that serves as dining or night perch. A round or square table was out of the question because of the immovable architectural elements.



## Going . . .

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gray silhouettes of tropical plants, decorates the wall by the steps leading to the loft, which Pineda has turned into a library.

Again, the same color scheme, from the furniture to the bedframes and pillows, ties the entire house together. A number of accent pieces such as the square vase from Vietnam, a limestone wall screen from China and the bedframe's wooden slats itself follow the color lines.

### Hard-hitting

Several bathroom details provide the bedroom with lines of color, while a pair of steel figurines covered in gold leaf instantly brightens a corner. Prints, again in several shades, are scattered mostly on the bedspread.

"Since the unit was a former office, it had to contribute the place and remove all those insidious elements to make it look more homey," says Pineda. "One of my work friends convinced me to paint the second floor."

In his opinion, bedframe search all those table rules were beautiful wood pieces. Like a mirror who stuck gold, he has no more having his flat painted and stained.

But only in going toward a practical one, it also ties in with Pineda's career choice of exploring and promoting more sustainable designs.

"Clearly convincing your residential space with your office space is a more constant sustainability," he says.

"So, a more practical work, by treating your office as a home, it's not hard to buy more time and resources than what's necessary because almost every piece works with each other."

PINEIDA is located in the bedroom. In this of gray, the second floor is predominantly done in earth tones.



PINEIDA and his career need to play endless hours of working in the office. That light is soft yellow with warm tones in the place.



WITH a colorful wall adorned with framed ancient Egyptian-inspired artwork, this is the only room with a splash of color.



LIVING room has a decidedly modern Southeast Asian flavor. Thanks to the 1970's space, Pineda finally realizes his dream of having a painted L-shaped sofa in the living room.

### Practical ways

As an adviser to DSD's graduating class, Pineda will have his hands full teaching aspiring interior designers practical yet asking more to come up with cost-effective friendly displays.

The year's class will meet its graduation exhibit exhibit as "S.A.S.T.D. Environmental Applications, Re-

sources and Trends in Habitat" Design, 4 to 11, at the Atlanta Building in Little, Queens City.

Motivated in cooperation with the World Wildlife Fund and Environment City, "S.A.S.T.D. Design" celebrates Pineda's 11th anniversary with an exhibit addressing environmental concerns in 21 interior spaces that hope to make a trend in today's global scene.

"Change change has global concern, transitioning to major influences on contemporary design and current trends," says Pineda. "The exhibit will focus on country approaches to sustainable interior design as showcased in five different habitat settings: High Rise Towers, The Minimal Home, Sea Interiors and Pineda's Studio."

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PINEIDA says the stairs beneath the stairs leading to the loft take a series of elements.



A CORNER of the bedroom room with Southeast Asian accent plants.



PINEIDA takes the loft into his design office.

# A home just the way you want it

**F**amilies love doing things their own way. From making their big dreams, to making their own small, lively, friendly, sprawling, suitable Filipinos are looking for a place that are personalized and make them according to their preferences.

Big ticket items such as houses are no exception from this growing trend. So, discovering home buyers are seeking residential spaces that reflect their lifestyle, Alveo Land and Alveo Land are taking the lead.

Recognizing the need to offer personalized options in real estate is Alveo Land, formerly Community Innovations, an Ayala Land company. Committed to offering living solutions that answer individual needs, Alveo Land aims to provide exceptional living experiences to its residents from the point of purchase up to maintaining the property.

"House homes don't come in same shapes and sizes. Different people require different options to achieve the home they want. We need to make our developments more accessible and more relevant to a wider market by providing customized options," says Danilo M. Alveo, President of Alveo Land.

Alveo Land's personalized service starts from the buying experience. To make developments more financially approachable, Alveo Land created the Homeowner Financing Program that offers three payment options for home buyers.

Homeowner Direct offers the lowest interest rate for a payment term of 15 years. The other options are Homeowner Split, which offers standard payment terms across all Alveo Land projects, and Homeowner Plan, which customizes payment options to match the buyer's investment preferences.

Once you've purchased your home, it's time to make it look exactly how you want it to be. Alveo Land is able to do this with ease by pioneering design-in-house approach to home design that encompasses consultation, visioning and options. The last of which is to be discovered in the coming, this program offers buyers the unique opportunity to select their unit to their specific style and needs - all before they even move in.

After selling in, Alveo Land continues to offer individualized system of efforts through the Ayala Property Management Corporation (APMC). A wholly-owned subsidiary of Ayala Land engaged in integrated property management services including building administration and maintenance, lease administration, commercial center and subdivision maintenance, and special technical services. APMC ensures that your home - which not only represents your investment but your lifestyle as well - is maintained for years.

Today, from the exciting experience of the traditional home buying process, Alveo Land's home customizations options truly open opportunities that focus and prioritize what you want - ensuring success, personalized design, ultimate freedom of your investment.

Alveo Land Corp., formerly Community Innovations, and the world's leading innovator in Ayala Land. Alveo Land with proper foresight, organized excellence and total commitment, Alveo Land Corp. is a real estate company that doesn't just find the means to provide the most innovative homes, it looks for ways to make you live the life you deserve.

With the Homeowner Financing Program, it's really easy to be a Homeowner. Alveo Land's Homeowner Financing Program is a truly innovative, with complete expertise in the progressive South.



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## Back to the basics

By Liz Bermudez  
Lifestyle Editor

If you are moving into a new home, here are some great kitchen finds we found at Make Room at Bonifacio High Street



DON'T overlook placemats, oven mitts, table runners and dish towels. All can be perfectly coordinated for your new kitchen.



WHEN buying for a new kitchen, you really need good containers for dry goods. These ones in ceramic with a tight seal make for efficient storage of flour, coffee, beans, sugar, oil and the like.



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LOW cost ceramic chair and table in base marble



DYED ceramic bowl and small pot



SUSPENDED rock lighting lantern

## Green teamwork

COOPERATE, ATTRACT, THEY SAY: you must compelling is the idea of two people joined by the same interests and existing together. Then they may be completely different, still they are the yin and yang of each other.

Steve and Cathy Salazar are just 44 But They have successfully found their niche in home landscaping and architecture. Since 1998, Steve's Legacy Landscaping, Inc. has made its mark in the local and global market as well through unique and eco-friendly products.

The company's focus are landscape design, landscape architecture, and landscape construction. Steve's Legacy Landscaping is an environmental friendly landscape architectural firm certified by the Green Chamber of Commerce and Industry in 2007. Add to this the Environmental and Ecological (E2) award from the Philippine



KOLONG vertical garden planter

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) in the same year.

"We, as a company, believe that designing an environment friendly product starts with an understanding of your environment. So, we have looked around the area where our facility is located, and recognized that the sustainable and renewable resources are around us, and the skills that need to be trained, and the infrastructure available," Cathy says.

Initially transforming natural resources into artistic and functional home landscaping products along with various outdoor accessories, the company, parallel with original location, plants, landscape, landscape architecture, interior design, garden bench, tables, wall decor, and many others. The company also went beyond for professional certification for LBN Certified Analyst, Certified in LBN, and

Greenland.

Nature's Legacy was also the recipient of the Golden Shell Award for Excellence in Design and Manufacturing in 2004. Also a regular exhibitor at the annual Manila FAME International, the company was also a finalist in 2005.

At present, Steve's Legacy has regular buyers from the US, Europe, Middle East, Canada, China, South America and Australia. The business is currently in its 10th year, with a total number of employees of 120 people in 2008.

Whereas Steve's Legacy green design is a unique company showcasing their first year results at the Manila FAME International, organized by the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions on Oct. 15-17 at the SMX Convention Center.

## Workshop on basic landscaping

A SEMINAR/WORKSHOP ON BASIC LANDSCAPING will be offered by Barbara Polanco-Serapion. The seminar will be held Aug. 22 and 24, 10 a.m. at Manila Plaza Hotel, Room 1001, 1001 Manila Plaza, Manila. The seminar is open to all interested individuals. For more details, contact SERAPION, 0944 56244 or 0917 4622123.

The two-day course covers identification of plants and other materials, sources of materials, design, layout, site, layout, in the garden, plant propagation techniques and care and maintenance. Hands-on apart from listening and grafting will be one highlight—24 hours long by 2 free wide content (not compatible with plants, getting seedlings, ground covers, trees, shrubs and other accessories, flowers, hand tools and ornaments) will also be provided.

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SCORPION flower

## Culturing the Scorpion flower

By Stephen S. Merrill

Continued

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING flowers that merit attention is the giant scorpion flower belonging to the *Asclepiadaceae* family. Also known as *Scorpion Flower*, it is native to the Philippines.

A native of Calabar, Nigeria to Zimbabwe, Africa, this particular plant has evolved fascinating forms which are pale green and white. It has three to five long and narrow leaves growing up to eight inches long or more from where branches that are soft to the touch and easily break at the joints develop. This has led to the plant to be placed in a wide variety of containers as the proportions of stems can be supported in one or two leaves in a large.

Each year just when touching the ground or just before, eventually develops roots. If placed in a pot, the stem can be cut. It is not advisable to have the plant placed along the edge of an elevated platform or glass table. The old stems, being vertical, eventually die, and when they are already fully dried, each joint develops into a long, thin, dry stem. The dried stems just fall off naturally.

### Offensive odor

As in central India, where the soil is dry, but in some, the plant has flowers up to 10 inches across. If planted, the flowers grow up to only one to 12 inches across.

The yellow with numerous cream lines naturally spread, spreading only by the side of the stem. However, during rainy season, they should be protected from too much rain, they can be easily attacked by fungus. They have to be placed in full sunlight, provided there are no insecticide plants feeding and with rainwater.

Propagation can be done by using cuttings with a sharp knife, cut a natural stem about four inches long or just split a branch from a five inches long being the best. Cut the stem for about a week before placing it in a pot. During seedling, use a mixture of one-part garden soil, one-part river sand, one-part compost with a mixture of dried soil to be one-to-one soil. It is advisable to use the potting medium by heating it in a frypan until it is a brown color and smells burnt. This is to kill the bacteria and fungus. Let it cool first before planting. Water with lukewarm water in the morning. Water only after about a week.

## Back to the basics

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BASIC ceramic for your family dinner, or when company comes over



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STABLE and better look can go from the kitchen to the table. These are ceramic materials for any kitchen.



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BUFFET tables, white plates and white ceramic materials are great for any start-up home or event. Basic white plates are ideal for any event. At the top of the table, use white or colored with more colorful plates.



## Luxurious coastal estate soon to rise in Batangas

NAMED COAST, THE PROMISING real-estate project of SM Investments Corp. (SMIC) in Naagbong, Batangas, opens the gateway to its natural beauty and grandeur through New Point, its center sales and marketing office.

Located right at the heart of New Point, the new office structure is modern in design, yet perfectly blends with the Coast's breathtaking scenery. 50-meter panoramic feature is a view deck facing the coast, inevitably giving guests a spectacular panorama of the exclusive property which will soon be transformed into the resort's largest and most luxurious integrated coastal community.

As Jose Lanza, executive vice president of SMIC and co-owner of Coast del Norte, Inc. says, "Naagbong Coast's magnificent natural offerings can only be enjoyed in its fullness when one sees and experiences it firsthand. This is why we carefully make arrangements for visitors to the site and we're just up this site with viewing deck to further make

visitors comfortable while enjoying the area."

From the deck, visitors may take a stroll along the beachside or go on a boat to discover Naagbong's beautiful coastline consisting of thousands of hectares of coastal beauty, soft white sand, 150-meters of varying seas, dunes and dunes, swimming pools, steep hills and rock formations.

VIEW deck facing the Naagbong Coast

Recognizing the importance of environmental preservation and sustainable development, Naagbong Coast (by design) by design experts SMIC International, Manila and MD, Design Builders in partnership with World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Seaview.

Building a mix of residential, commercial, and cultural amenities, construction of the first two towers of the 12 low-budget condominiums that will be along Naagbong's impressive coastline is now underway.

Site working in completion is the Pier de Lanza Beach & Green Club. Naagbong Coast is a development of SM Investments Corporation. E-mail: info@sminvestments.com or call 819-8875. Visit the Naagbong Coast showrooms at the A/C, SM Mall.







*Tempest in a teapot  
at the Beijing Olympics*





## A Pinoy at Pixar

project because, as an animators, you are taught this: presentation is king. All the great scenes happen when you're off the wall, and you know exactly what is going on even without sound coming from the characters' mouths. The visuals take center stage. We don't have to deal with voices.

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goldens than you're used to. He explained his job further: "Usually I send the animators the script, you have an animator who has WALL-E going left and right on the screen, but he wants to go a little slower. So he would come in one-third of the way and make it slower. I already have the animators going on in front of me. Just need to adjust it. Animators in a way may like they writing 'they said one little line.' Other times, it is more involved and they will completely change everything. I will have to do those changes as well. Then I get from approved by my supervisor [I've bigger changes, then the director has to see it once it's done]."

The animators, from 100 to 150, are a Chinese factory and about 100 are working on the film at age 10. He said he's the only one in the studio. Just Williams is a teacher while most of the animators are a company. It was during high school that

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